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## Two Georgia Jail Escapees Captured Near Downtown Elba

Two escapees from the Decatur County jail, in Bainbridge, Georgia, were captured this week in Elba only hours after a third escapee captured near New Brockton reported the trio had escaped and were in the area.

Robert Wayne Beidler, age 22, of St. Paul, Minnesota and Ronnie Lee Faulconer, age 21, of McAllister, Oklahoma, were arrested in Elba, while William Daniel Wingate, age 20, of Bainbridge, was captured near the Shiloh Community, between Elba and New Brockton.

According to Jim C. Morris, chief deputy investigator for the Decatur County Sheriff's Dept., the trio and a fourth inmate, identified as Anthony Jackson, received a hacksaw smuggled into the jail and cut through metal to gain entrance into a ventilation shaft. The inmates

followed the shaft to the roof and then escaped.

While the trio captured in Coffee County allegedly stole a car in the early morning hours of Sunday, March 16, Jackson reportedly went to a girlfriend's house in Fowlstown, Georgia, and held her at gunpoint. Jackson later freed the hostage and attempted to flee, only to be shot and killed by law enforcement officers after refusing to surrender.

The other three escapees apparently left the area together in the stolen vehicle and headed west on Highway 84, stopping near New Brockton.

The trio are believed to have burglarized a home near New Brockton on Sunday night and then

burglarized two rural homes on Monday.

An investigation began into the burglaries by the New Brockton Police Department and the Coffee County Sheriff's Department and on Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock New Brockton Chief Gordon Luck arrested Wingate as he walked near Shiloh.

Wingate told Luck of the escape and the presence of the other two escapees, prompting an extensive manhunt near the Shiloh area. Bloodhounds from Troy and a helicopter from Dale County joined local authorities in the hunt near Shiloh; however, during the manhunt an elderly black man entered the Elba Police station and told the radio dispatcher that the two men being looked for were walking down the street in Elba. After getting the man to point out the exact street, Investigator Freddie Hanchey and patrolman Randy White went to the area, near Brunswick Texaco, on W. Simmons, and arrested the pair without incident at 10:15 a.m.

At the time of the escape, Wingate was being jailed for burglary and probation violation; Faulconer was being jailed on burglary and auto theft charges, and Beidler had been convicted of auto theft, escape and burglary. Jackson was in on forgery and pending armed robbery charges.



**CAPTURED ESCAPEES AWAIT INTERROGATION . . .** Robert Wayne Beidler (left) and Ronnie Lee Faulconer were held upstairs at the Elba Police Dept. Tuesday morning after their capture near downtown Elba. The duo had escaped from the Decatur County jail, in Bainbridge, Ga., on Sunday morning, and apparently had driven to the Elba area in a stolen vehicle. A third inmate was captured earlier Tuesday near the Shiloh Community by the New Brockton Police Dept., and all three have been returned to Decatur County authorities.

## Arnold Ordered To Undergo Testing At State Facility

A rural Coffee County man charged with rape, sodomy and the production of obscene materials has been ordered to undergo psychiatric testing at a state mental facility following the report of a jailer that he had observed the county jail inmate displaying "suicidal tendencies."

Melvin Arnold, age 50, of the Jack community, was originally scheduled to appear at a preliminary hearing on March 21; however, a special court appearance was deemed necessary after the jailer's report. At the special hearing last week, District Judge Gary McAlliley ordered Arnold to be tested at the Taylor Hardin Secure Mental Facility, in Tuscaloosa, as soon as space is available at the state's mental hospital.

Arnold was arrested on February

19 and charged with second degree rape, second degree sodomy and producing obscene material concerning the production of videotapes involving a person under the age of 17.

The videotape in question reportedly involves two female minors engaged in sexual activity and also includes Arnold clothed in nothing but socks.

An additional first degree sexual abuse charge and a charge of visual reproduction of obscene material involving a person under the age of 17 were filed later in connection with incidents involving a second female minor.

A request of bond reduction was made by Arnold's attorney Debbie Jarred at the meeting last week, but the request was tabled until results of the mental testing were received.

## Band Day '86 Set For Saturday In Elba

"Band Day '86", an annual fundraising event sponsored by the Elba High School Marching Tiger band, is scheduled for Saturday, March 22 and once again a day filled with activities is planned.

The goal this year is \$10,000 and all proceeds will be used to purchase percussion equipment and other needed supplies.

The activities will actually get a slight headstart on Friday night,

March 21, at 7:00 p.m., when the Miss Band Day beauty pageant will be held. Girls ages 2-17 will compete in six divisions in the pageant, with a winner and four alternates chosen in each division. Admission is \$2 per person.

Activities on Saturday, March 22 will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Elba High School gym, cafeteria and school grounds. Activities planned include an auction, concessions, raffle, bingo, homemade cake sale, T-shirt sale, sponge throw and continuous entertainment.

Mothers wishing to attend any event or activity may take advantage of a baby-sitting service.

Following is a timetable of Saturday's events:

**SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**  
9:00 a.m. - Live broadcast over WELB will begin.

9 a.m. - 11 a.m. - beginner band, 7th grade band, concert band, and symphonic band will perform in the gym.

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.-serving in the high school cafeteria for pork barbecue plates. Tickets for \$3.50 each can be purchased in advance from band students. Take out orders available or you are invited to eat in the cafeteria.

1:30 p.m. - Auction conducted by Ronnie Vaughan in high school gym. Services and merchandise for auction will be donated by local merchants.

Marching Tigers will perform after auction.

4:00 p.m. - Drawing for raffle prizes of Get-Away Weekend, \$100.00 worth of gas, and \$50.00 gift certificate. Tickets available in advance from any band student for \$1.00.



**HOW HIGH IS THE WATER . . .** Elba residents drove slowly over the Pea River bridge last week as river waters climbed over the banks at the old city pool park. The river crested Saturday morning approximately 6 feet below flood stage, but Friday's rising water reminded many of the flood of 1929, which occurred on exactly the same day 57 years ago.

## Rising Waters Fall Six-Foot Short Of Flood Stage In Elba

Elba residents kept a watchful eye on the rising waters of the Pea River and Whitewater Creek last week as heavy rains swelled the waters over the banks and threatened to flood low-lying areas.

The potential flooding prompted many older residents to remember back to the "Flood of 1929," especially since the rain started on March 13 back 57 years ago, the exact same date of last week's

4 1/2-inch downpour!

The Pea River crested at 7.9 feet early Thursday morning (March 13), but rose steadily during the day as the rains fell, and by Friday morning

had reached a depth of 22.95 feet, a rise of over 15 feet in 24 hours. The river crested at 23.15 feet on Saturday, 6.85 feet short of flood stage, and by yesterday (March 19) had receded to 12.65 feet.



## Sheriff Brice Paul To Seek Re-election

Brice R. Paul, the sheriff of Coffee County for the past seven years, qualified on March 8 to seek a third term.

Paul, age 34, was appointed sheriff on March 11, 1979, by Gov. Fob James following the death of Sheriff Neil Grantham. He completed three-years and ten months of Grantham's term and then was elected to a full term in 1982.

During his time in office, the Sheriff Dept. has grown from an

eight-man department to a staff of 17, including the county's first full-time investigator. The Sheriff Reserve Force has grown to 15 and several rural communities have requested and been trained in the community watch program.

Through the use of inmate labor Paul led an extensive renovation project at the county jail, saving the county over \$100,000 in labor cost alone! A "snuff" work release program started by Sheriff Paul in 1983 has also been

successful in paying over \$30,000 in child support, court fines and restitution.

Paul is a 1969 graduate of Elba High School and in 1974 received a B.S. Degree in Criminal Justice from Troy State University. He is a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, was twice honored as the Jaycees' selection for outstanding young law enforcement officer of the year and is past president of the Alabama Sheriffs' Association.

## District Judge Gary McAlliley To Seek Circuit Judge Post

Coffee County District Judge Gary McAlliley has qualified as a Democratic candidate for the office of Circuit Judge for Coffee and Pike counties.

McAlliley, age 38, has served as District Judge for 9 1/2 years and has heard approximately 46,000 cases, both criminal and juvenile in nature.

He was named "Man-of-the-Year" in Enterprise in 1986 and in 1985 was selected "Judge-of-the-Year" in Alabama by the Alabama Child Support Association.



"I don't think of myself as running against any one individual," stated McAlliley. "My campaign will simply be based in three areas: First, my judicial experience; secondly, my record and Thirdly, my judicial philosophy."

"As far as EXPERIENCE, I've been a State Judge almost ten years, and resolved over 46,000 criminal, civil and juvenile cases of almost every type and kind," said McAlliley.

"My RECORD of taking a strong stand against the criminal element of society and a strong stand for the rights of needy and victimized families and children is known throughout the State. In 1985, I was even chosen and honored by my fellow Alabama Judges and District Attorneys as Alabama's 1985 Judge of the Year for my work in protecting and promoting the rights of children."

My JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY is also simple but well known by the public I've served.

I believe that there is too much TECHNICALITY; too much DELAY and too much POLITICS in today's courtroom and I know I'm only one of a few people that can and will do

something about it.

We live in a time when respect for the Judicial System is at an all time low. I say to you today that Judges, Politicians and some lawyers are to blame for the black eye our American Judicial System carries and I'm deeply concerned about it.

As far as TECHNICALITY its not uncommon for all of us to see someone we know is guilty walk out of the courtroom free because of some technicality.

As far as court DELAY, its sad to say, that it is common for a car wreck case and other civil cases to unnecessarily take two, three and even four years in court.

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DARK ORIGINAL



# BRAINSTORMS

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The hydro dam matter isn't settled yet, in spite of all the meetings, agreements and news articles we might assemble. It could be a long time before all heads get together and do something that will clear the way for any one group to crank up the generators. There is no need to speculate on exactly when the dam will again generate electricity, but don't give away your kerosene lamps . . . yet.

Springtime is here and us fishing nuts are hitting the creek banks in large numbers. Bass fishermen have been enjoying the season for several weeks and now it is getting time for us cane pole fishermen. In fact the shellcracker fishing is so good that the world record was broken twice last week and both times it was at Merritt's Mill Pond, east of Marianna, Fla. We were proud of the 17-year-old youth that caught the 4-pound 13-ounce whopper and sympathetic to his losing out the same week to an unheard-of five-pounder. Now that is a big shellcracker! The water level probably went down six inches when it came out of the water.

The push by the U.S. government to balance the budget and keep the folks back home happy has hit our pocketbook already. Two postal rate increases since the first of the year for second-class mail hurts our bank account each week when we mail the newspapers, but IF - and we stress the IF - it will get the feds back to operating within their income, we will accept it. Ben Franklin felt it was the government's duty to get newspapers to the people as cheaply as possible, and we agree; but then that was to keep the people informed, and before radio and TV were in place to at least give the headlines. We will pay our way and hope others do also.

This budget-cutting has also hit another area we are close to. Each summer a number of college students represent a month or so in Washington working as interns with the senators and representatives, and get paid for this. Now a letter is circulating that cuts out funds for this project. We think it was good for the students but not all of them really worked at the job, and it ain't the taxpayers' job to furnish vacations for our children.

A California court will hear a case of religious beliefs and healing prayers. We don't like to get into the other person's religious beliefs, but do have an opinion here that needs printing. Prayer is good, but it needs to be accompanied by the skilled hands of a doctor if a person is physically sick. We don't think God intended for us to sit down and let Him do all the work. Let's just assume He gave those doctors the ability to act for Him in these matters. So do your praying for yourself and for me, but in the meantime - call the doctor.

## Jobs Available With State

The Alabama State Personnel Department this week announced examination for filling present vacancies in the following positions:

- \*Production Assistant (\$9,168 - \$12,012)
- \*Denist II (\$37,232 - \$56,758)
- \*Building Custodian I (\$12,012 - \$16,968)
- \*Beautician I (\$11,430 - \$16,151)
- \*Elevator Inspector (\$18,741 - \$28,366)

## Senior Citizens Meet March 13

Members of the Senior Citizens of Cordelia Street met March 13 at the HRDC building on Simmons St. The quilt made by the chicken festival was checked for progress, and meats were delivered to various members; the store was also open. Crafts were worked on, and lunch

McAlley, Continued from Page 1.

Also, on the civil side of the court, we've got to modify some of the laws that punish good people. Its gotten so bad that doctors can't doctor in their chosen field; police can't jail and school teachers can't teach or express a religious view without a real fear of being sued."

In other courts, the average lawyer in Alabama from the date it is filed until it is tried and ruled on takes approximately 13 months. In Judge McAlley's court, even with the drastic increase in crime, at least 91 percent of his criminal cases are tried, heard and ruled on within 30 days from the date they are made. The Judge has a reputation for sentencing convicted criminals to jail rather than being a Judge with a reputation of turning them loose. In addition to criminal cases, Judge McAlley's record reflects that he has trials in all juvenile cases within 30 days after they are filed. In civil cases filed in the Judge's court 89 percent are tried and ruled on within

## SS Business Can Be Handled

Most Social Security business, such as filing a claim, changing an address, or reporting most other events, can be handled by telephone. Our toll-free number for long distance calls is 1-800-325-0334. City telephone number for local calls is 794-3161. Office hours are 8:45 a.m. - 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, except national holidays. (Monday, May 26th, Memorial Day).

If you are unable to handle your

## Squad Members In EMT Class

Five members of the Elba Rescue Squad have enrolled in a three month course for emergency medical technicians at Enterprise, Junior College beginning March 19. Donny Inman said this is the largest number of squad personnel to ever attend the course, which is sponsored by the Emergency Medical Services of Montgomery.

Classes will be held in all phases of emergency medicine and each person will be certified by the State Health Dept. to perform any emergency service required by the rescue squad.

"Upon graduation this will provide the Elba Rescue Squad with over 50 percent of their personnel trained in emergency medicine," Inman said.

Those attending the course are: Bobby Baker, Brad Wilson, Junior Kelley, Marcus Dubose and Jimmy Hudson.

90 days from the date they are filed. To obtain and maintain this kind of case disposition record, Judge McAlley has during the year held court many times late into the night and even until after 12 midnight and on two emergency murder hearings held court seventeen hours per day on two separate days.

At the beginning of the year, Judge McAlley announced at "GET TOUGH POLICY WITH CRIMINALS" and has since sentenced more convicted criminals than any Judge in the history of Coffee County.

Judge McAlley has for the past nine years served Enterprise and Coffee County as our Juvenile Judge. In this capacity, he deals with every needy, sexually and physically abused, parentless and troubled child of our city and county. He has seen that the needy are provided for; that the sexually and physically abused are taken from their unsafe environments and placed in adequate homes; that the parentless are provided with proper adult supervision and placed in suitable homes.

These outstanding students were

comedian Dothan, a Social Security representative will be at the following places on the dates and at the time shown below:

Elba - 10 a.m. - 12 a.m. - City

Hall - 3rd Tuesday; April 15, May 20 and June 17.

Enterprise - 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

City Hall - 2nd Tuesday - April 8,

May 13, June 10-4th Tuesday -

April 22, May 27, June 24.

## WHAT'S COOKING?

ELBA	CITY	SCHOOLS
MARCH 24 - 28		
<b>MONDAY</b>		
Breakfast - Honey Bun, Juice, Milk		Rice, Cole Slaw, Cheese Crackers,
Lunch - Oven Ready Fish, French		Donut, Milk
Fries, Cole Slaw, Cake, Milk, Bread		
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
Breakfast - Cinnamon Toast, Oat		Meat, Juice, Milk
Lunch - Hot Dog w/Chili, French		Fries, Baked Beans, Pineapple
Pudding, Milk		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
Breakfast - Cereal, Juice, Milk		Lunch - Bar-B-Que on Bun, Rice in
Lunch - Stew Beef w/Vegetables,		Stock, Peas w/Snaps, Chocolate
		Cake, Milk

## Brown Selected For Beta Club

Selena Brown, daughter of Jerry and Judy Brown, of Panama City, Florida, was selected this week as a seventh-grade Beta Club member at Everett Junior High School.

Selena was one of twelve students selected for the club that was previously open only to eighth and ninth-graders.

These outstanding students were

Wiregrass Hairdressers Association are meeting Sunday, March 23, 1986, at 2:00 p.m. at the Colony Inn, Enterprise, AL.

The program will be on

"DuBunne Nails." There is no charge. For more information call, 894-5833, 347-6326 or 774-2152.

Only 70 of the family physicians responding to a recent survey

conducted by the Alabama Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) say they will continue to deliver babies after April, 1986. Four hundred forty-one of the 528 members responded to the survey, netting an 84 percent response rate.

"It's getting very difficult to find anyone willing to deliver a baby," said William O. Owings, M.D., of Centerville, AAFP president. Dr. Owings reported that 300 of the 441 AAFP members responding have stopped delivering babies (71 AAFP members indicated they had never incorporated OB into their practices).

This is a disturbing, but understandable trend affecting family physicians and their patients," Dr. Owings continued. "Obstetrical care is one of the highest risk procedures as far as medical liability is concerned."

The 142 family physicians who have dropped OB from their practices within the last five years cited the risk of malpractice suits as the leading reason they had stopped delivering babies (78.8 percent). Malpractice insurance cost was cited as the second most popular reason for discontinuing obstetrical care (70.4 percent).

Sixty-three of the survey participants said they would consider providing obstetrical care again if changes were made in the current malpractice situation. The survey also showed that 67 of those who had discontinued OB were located in rural areas of fewer than 20,000 people.

And he restored our senior citizens' faith in Medicaid. Faith that had almost turned to ashes.

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## Folsom To Receive Distinguished Golden Service Award

Gov. James E. (Big Jim) Folsom becomes only the third Alabamian to receive the Distinguished Golden Service award from the Alabama

Retired State Employees Association when ARSEA honors him Friday, March 21, in Cullman. The 6,000 member group will cite

the two-time governor for Folsom's "poorfol" pioneer efforts to improve the quality of life for older Alabamians during the 1946-1958

period." ARSEA president Jeanette E. Barrett, a pioneer of the state's strongest early advocates of the aged.

Barrett said the state-city-county retiree organization had previously chosen Claude D. Pepper and Emmett Eaton to receive their top award. Pepper, an Alabama native, is probably the best known sponsor and supporter of federal legislation for the elderly. Eaton, director of the Alabama Commission on Aging, is a nationally known administrator of programs for older people.

Born in rural Coffee County near Elba, the 78-year-old Folsom is considered Alabama's most colorful governor in this century. He pushed for bigger "old-age pensions" before retirement programs were widely used."

Gov. Folsom is also remembered for his "one man, one vote" efforts and a successful farm-to-market road program.

John Y. Reynolds, ARSEA vice president and legislative chairman, said Folsom did much to improve working conditions for state and local government employees. Reynolds, James Horn, a former commissioner of insurance in Folsom's cabinet, and Guntersville's Ralph Hough will present the award.

Folsom served as governor in 1947-1951 and 1955-1959.

There will be a gospel singing at Friendship Holiness Church on Saturday, March 22, beginning at 7 p.m.

The church is located 3 miles west of Danley's Crossroads. Singing will feature the Smith family. Everyone is welcome.

## Supt. Teague To Hold Statewide Meetings

State Supt. of Education Dr. Wayne Teague will hold a series of statewide meetings on public education between March 24 and May 29, the State Dept. of Education announced recently. These meetings have been scheduled to give the superintendent an opportunity to report on improvements made in, as well as the future of, public education, K-12.

"We have gone to the public several times during the past two years in an effort to keep them updated on the progress made in our public schools," said Dr. Teague. "When people at the grassroots level know of needs as well as problems in public education, they are usually quick to respond. It is my hope that these meetings will help us continue our improvement efforts in the schools across Alabama."

Dr. Teague said that the 20 meetings will center around the future of public education and what is needed in the months and years ahead to continue improvement efforts. A major emphasis of the program will be on future needs, including financial as well as human resources, and what each individual can do to achieve these objectives.

"Providing the proper educational opportunities for our youth is the concern of many citizens in our state," said Dr. Teague. "Although local boards of education and professional educators have the specific responsibility for the conduct of public education, they must rely on the input and assistance from many other people in the community to be successful and

continue to improve education. These 20 statewide meetings will bring various segments of society together to discuss a mutual concern - the betterment of education for our children."

The local meetings will be held at Dothan High School - March 26, and at the Ritz Theater in Greenville - on May 12. All meetings will begin at 7 p.m. and conclude by 8:30.

## Miss Elba Pageant To Be Held March 29 At 7:00 P.M.

The annual "Miss Elba" pageant will be held on Saturday night, March 29, at 7:00 p.m., at the Elba High School auditorium.

Approximately 12 young ladies will compete for the honored

title and the right to represent Elba in the National Peanut Festival in Dothan.

Admission will be \$3 adults and \$2 students.

## Many Family Doctors Don't Deliver

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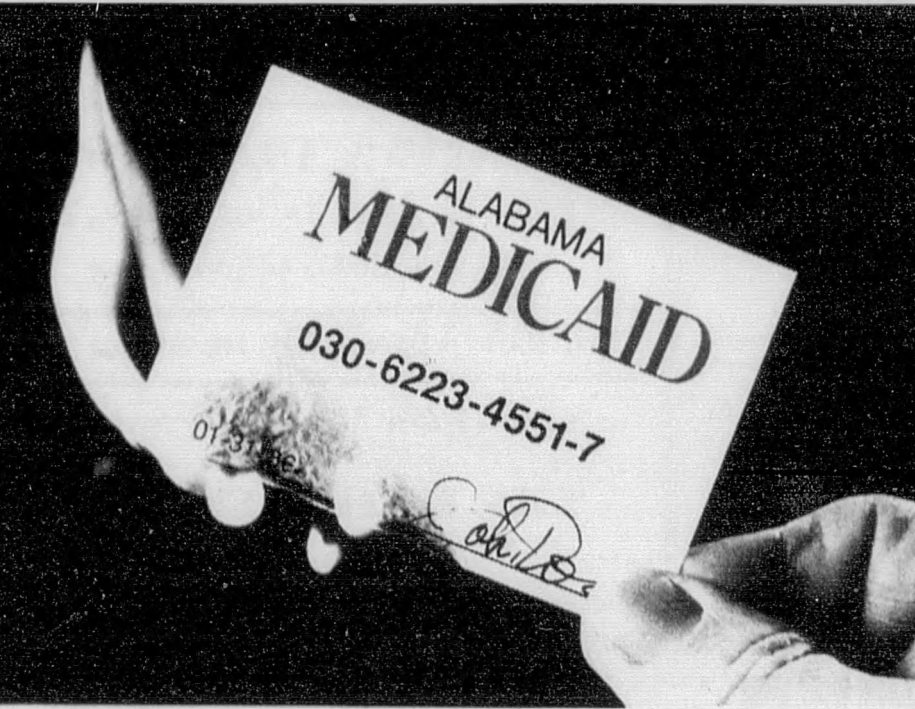
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## ELBA POLICE REPORT

The Elba Police Department reported an active week with a total of 5 arrests and 2 traffic violations. The arrests were for harrasing communications, harassment (2), public intoxication and highway intoxication, while the violations were both for speeding.

Following are daily activity reports.

**Tuesday, March 11** Activity included a helicopter crash on Airport Rd. (4:02 p.m.) and a disturbance at a home on the Troy Hwy. (8:24 p.m.).

**Wednesday, March 12** Activity included a disturbance on Payne St. (5:01 p.m.).

**Thursday, March 13** Activity included a fire at Sunset Blvd. (3:45 p.m.) and a report of a truck in a ditch on the old Samson Rd. (6:50 p.m.).

**Friday, March 14** Activity included a fire at the laundromat in the Heights (11:37 a.m.), a disturbance on Brunson Circle (3:31 p.m.), a disturbance at Morrow Village (4:16 p.m.) and a fight under the bridge near the pool (10:05 p.m.).

**Saturday, March 15** Activity included a fight on Reynolds St. (2:35 p.m.) and a disturbance at Smith Ave. (3:38 p.m.).

**Sunday, March 16** Activity included a disturbance on West St. (9:14 p.m.).

**Monday, March 17** Activity included a disturbance at Beaver Dam Restaurant (4:37 p.m.) a fire at the laundromat downtown (5:55 p.m.) and a car on fire on Taylor Mill Rd. (6:19 p.m.).

**Mt. Olive To Hold Gospel Sing**

Mt. Olive Bible Church will present a Gospel Sing March 22, at 7:00.

Guest singers will be the Compton Family. Pastor Jerry Elmore invites everyone.

## Clearance Sale

Clearance on all pecan trees

-- annual closeout sale --

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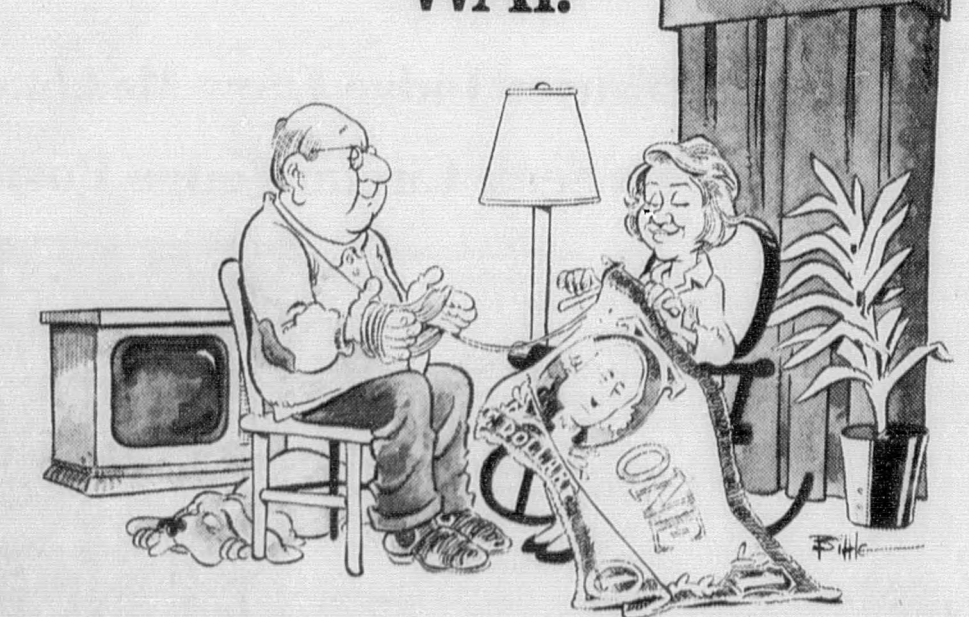
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## SOCIAL NEWS

## Three In One Club Meets At City Library

The Three-In-One Study Club held its March meeting at the Elba City Library. Serving as hostesses were Mrs. Pauline Allen and Mrs. Mary Carney.

Club president Mrs. Carrie Jacobs presided and introduced Sheriff Brice Paul who presented a program on physical abuse. He gave examples including children, adults and even family units.

Mrs. Jim Williams read the minutes of the previous meeting and Mrs. E.M. Watt gave the treasurer's report.

Mrs. Althea Prescott reported on the purchasing of stainless silverware, including the fact that other local clubs had made contributions also. Club members voted to purchase crystal glasses to complement the china and silver.

Mrs. J.W. Kendrick and Mrs. Nellie Martin will host the April meeting which will be held at the City Library, with Mrs. Mary O. Dowling as guest speaker.

Those present were Sheriff Paul, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Prescott, Mrs. Morrow, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Lord, Mrs. Lee, Miss E. Lee, Mrs. Jacobs, Mrs. Hudson and Mrs. English.

Officers recently selected for the club's new year are:

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Vice president - Mrs. Mayo Prescott  
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Corresponding Secretary - Mrs. Pauline Allen  
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## EARLY FILES

## TEN YEARS AGO

MARCH 18, 1976  
\*\*\*Mrs. Annie Jacobs was honored on Sunday, March 14, with a party held at the recreation center, on the occasion of her 76th birthday. Hostesses were her daughters, Mrs. Gladys Thommsen and Mrs. Mildred Brunson.

\*\*\*Freddie and JoAnne Rainer spent several days last week, camping in the Blue Springs, Ala. area. Mark and Debbie May and their two very cute youngsters - Ginger and Christopher - spent the weekend in Elba visiting Debbie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Holloway.

\*\*\*Mr. and Mrs. Max Hayes of New Brockton attended the civic opera in Birmingham recently, and the title role of "The Ballad of Baby Doe" was sung by Linda Folsom Ottsen, a native of New Brockton. Mrs. Ottsen was a piano student of Mrs. Hayes as well as Mrs. Poncey Collier, Elba, and Mrs. S.C. Wilson, New Brockton.

\*\*\*Dewayne Moore, age 4, is pictured with three large eggs weighing approximately 1/4 lbs. each. The eggs were gathered on the chicken yard of his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Juel Lunsford, Rt. 3, Elba. Dewayne, who works under the alias of "Mart Dillon," gathered the eggs, and Grandmother Lunsford is in charge of the feeding. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Moore.

\*\*\*John Andrew Morrow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Morrow, was chosen valedictorian of New Brockton High School for the class of 1956. Tommy Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. S.T. Jones, was chosen salutatorian at New Brockton High School.

\*\*\*Kinston, Mrs. Roy Williams and children of Cullman came Saturday to spend this week with her mother, Mrs. G.D. Gentry Sr., and Miss Betty Gentry. Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Rhoades spent the weekend in Columbus, Ga., with Mrs. Rhoades' sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Holmes. The Holmes' are the parents of a new son, Richard Clay.

\*\*\*Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Thomason and his mother, Mrs. Thomason, spent Sunday in Thomasville, Ga.

\*\*\*Forty years ago, March 21, 1946, "Relatives have received news that Miss Evelyn Stamps of Boaz, whose mother was the former Miss Stella Morris of Elba, has been elected to the House of Representatives as a Republican in the 11th Congressional District in recent elections in her school.

\*\*\*Miss Norma Nell Dismukes and Miss Mildred Dismukes attended the National Beta Club Convention and ball at Birmingham during the past weekend.

\*\*\*L.L. (gig) Grady Rhodes and Mrs. Rhodes and children of San Pedro, Calif., are visiting relatives in Elba for a few days before going to Orleans, where he has a new assignment.

\*\*\*Mrs. Laura Grimes, district sales manager for the World Book

encyclopedia, has received the firm's highest personal achievement award - the Superior Service Key.

\*\*\*Mr. Olan Bailey, Jimmy and Joan Bailey, Mr. Colon Whitman, and Kenny and Lisa Sharpless attended the circus in Montgomery Friday.

\*\*\*James Hussey, who still recently lived in Live Oak, Fla., and has a discharge from the Navy, will make his home here with his mother, Mrs. Annie Hussey, and his brother, Ellsworth and sister Patricia, and they will farm.

\*\*\*A picture received recently by relatives shows Francis G. Maddox, former Elbian, receiving a handsome trophy in behalf of bus drivers of the Mobile City Lines, after they had established themselves as the safest group of drivers in the National City Lines organization in the country. Mr. (Smut) Maddox was captain of the Mobile team.

Some believers will be ashamed at the judgement seat of Christ: ashamed of their selfish and inappropriate works. "And now, little children, abide in Him; that when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. If you know He is righteous, you know that everyone that doeth righteousness is born of Him (1 John 2:28-29)." But those who build on Christ with temporal materials - "Wood, hay, stubble" - will receive no reward. Our works must be the results of our faith in God and our obedience to Jesus, the Word of God.

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BY: REV. DAVID RICHBURG  
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# Sports

## Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Editor

I was sitting around the other day looking at the calendar and figured out that it would be something like 14 weeks before I'd have another weekend off. So, guess what I did? Right! I loaded up the car and spent the weekend in Atlanta for a mini-vacation with my family at Six Flags. It wasn't really all that relaxing; however, July is a long way off!

### TIGER BASEBALL TEAM OPENS SEASON WITH WIN

The Elba Tiger baseball team opened its season last week in the AEA tournament in Andalusia and opened with an impressive 10-7 win over the Opp Bobcats. The Tigers had one day of practice prior to the tournament, and the lack of practice showed in later losses to Andalusia and Monroe County; but the opening win showed me that this baseball team can be big winners.

I only got to see a couple of innings in the win over Opp, but I was very impressed with the hitting of all the Elba players and the pitching of Deon Young. The Tigers came out swinging and, led by seniors John Osburn and Scott Kelley and the surprising power of sophomore Lamar Stokes, ripped the Opp pitchers. If Elba can keep swinging the bats like they did last week, opposing pitchers might need to detour the Tigers whenever possible! Derek Young got the nod in game 1 and came through with a complete win over a very good Opp squad. Young, a senior, struck out only 2 batters in seven innings. Young's opening game performance has got to make Coach Rick Rainer feel he's got at least one stopper on his staff.

The Tigers have had this week off, and the week of work will hopefully allow them to catch up with all the other teams that have been going at it for several weeks. The home opener is next Tuesday against Andalusia, a team Elba lost to last week, and the Tigers will need the support of all their fans to help make the difference. C'mon folks, let's come out and give the baseball team the same support we gave the football and basketball teams. After all, they are Tigers too!

### NCAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT IS HEAVEN FOR TRUE CAGE FANS

The NCAA basketball tournament has been on television almost every night for the past couple of weeks and I'll have to admit I have seen a lot of action on both ESPN and CBS. I'm not usually a big TV watcher, but since my trip to the Final 4 a couple of years ago in New Orleans, I've had a bad case of tournament fever about this time every year. The success of Alabama and Auburn has made the tournament even more interesting, and I can't wait to see this week's games!

### WHAT IS IN STORE FOR THE BRAVES?

I've never been an Atlanta Braves fan and I'll have to admit that when I went to Atlanta last summer for a weekend series I really went to watch St. Louis; however, I've been caught up with all the off-season activities of the newly-remodeled Braves, and I can't wait for the 1986 National League season to begin. I hope to make it up late in the summer, once softball and local baseball ends, and until then I'll read everything I can and try to stay fired up about Chuck Tanner and Bobby Cox and all the Braves!

### IT WASN'T RELAXING, BUT IT WAS FUN!

I took the family up to Atlanta over the weekend to visit Six Flags and really had a great time seeing my three-year-old daughter Melissa have the time of her life. She got to meet Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck and the whole Looney Tunes gang in person, and even got to shake hands with Porky Pig during a show. The rides for youngsters are all the same and their memories don't last long; however, I'll assure you Melissa will remember Bugs and friends for a long time to come!

### Elba Umpires Association To Meet

The Elba Umpires Association will meet Monday, March 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the Elba High School library. All umpires and prospective umpires should attend this meeting!

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## Tigers Open Baseball Season With 10-7 Win

The Elba Tigers opened the baseball season with a bang last week when they rallied late to outscore the Opp Bobcats 10-7 in the opening round of the AEA baseball tournament.

Opp pulled out to a quick 2-0 lead in the top of the first and showed it was ready to play; however, Elba was also ready to swing the timber and plated 3 runs in the bottom of the inning to go on top 3-2.

Mike McCollough and Lamar Stokes drew walks to get the inning started, and McCollough trotted home when Scott Kelley bounced a ground-rule double over the left field fence. John Osburn followed with a single to drive in Stokes and Kelley, and the Tigers suddenly owned a 3-2 advantage.

Opp combined 2 hits with an Elba error to take a 4-3 lead in the second inning and then added 2 runs in the top of the third to stretch its lead to 6-3.

The Tigers were down, but not out, and bounced back to push across 4 runs in the bottom of the third to regain the lead at 7-6!

John Osburn was hit by a pitch and Stan Sauls drew a walk to give Elba baserunners, and Osburn came

around to score on a single by Jetey Wise. Jack Lee reached on a bunt to load the bases, and with two outs Mike McCollough ripped a single to drive in 2 runs. Lee scored on an Opp error, giving the Tigers a 7-6 after three innings of solid action.

Opp tied the score at 7-7 in the fourth inning and it remained tied until the bottom of the sixth, when Elba erupted for 3 runs to go ahead 10-7.

Art Brunson led off the inning with a double and came in to score on a triple by Lamar Stokes. A sacrifice fly by Scott Kelley scored Stokes to up the Tigers' lead to 9-7, and singles by John Osburn and Stan Sauls, followed by walks to Jetey Wise and Jack Lee, forced in another run, to put Elba on top 10-7.

Opp threatened in the seventh inning, but couldn't score, as Elba held on to post the season opening win.

Lamar Stokes, John Osburn and Stan Sauls all got 2 hits to lead Elba, while Derek Young picked up the win as he pitched 7 innings, allowing 9 hits and 2 walks.

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Elba's Scott Kelley crosses home plate to give the Tigers an early 3-2 lead in their season opening win over Opp. Kelley had earlier knocked in Elba's first run with a double.

### Jaycees To Sponsor Softball Tourney

The Elba Jaycees will sponsor its first annual "Chicken Festival" softball tournament on Friday and Saturday, April 11-12, at Hawkins-Williams Park.

The tourney will be divided into two divisions -- A & B and C & D, with trophies to be awarded to the top three teams in each division, as

well as all players on both first place teams.

The entry fee is \$70 per team and each team must hit its own ASA approved restricted flight ball.

To enter, call Mike Carley at 897-6702; Kenneth Calhoun at 897-3776; or Ricky Mularz at 897-5977.

### Registration Set For Youth Leagues

All boys and girls wishing to play baseball or softball this summer in Elba should register between March 17-21 at school.

Registration forms will be given out by teachers during PE class, and will also be available at city hall.

Boys ages 7-9 are eligible to play minor league baseball, while boys ages 10-12 play Dixie Youth baseball

and boys 13-15 play Babe Ruth baseball.

Any player entering a level of play for the first time must register!

Girls ages 9-12 will have a softball league and a league will also be formed for girls 13-15. All girls interested in playing should sign up as soon as possible!

### Goodluck Sportsman Club To Meet

The Goodluck Sportsman Club will meet Friday, March 28, at 7 p.m. Directions to new location are as follows:

Go to four miles west of Opp on Highway 84, and turn north on County Road 77, which is also Babbie Baptist Church Road. Go two

miles and turn right on a dirt road, and the clubhouse is the first house on the left. It is located on the Pete Floyd property.

For further information call Newton Day at 205/493-6179. Everyone is invited.



Scott Lawless caught this 6-pound bass on a plastic worm while fishing in a private pond.

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## East Alabama

### Speedway To Host

### Tractor Pull

East Alabama Motor Speedway will open the 1986 season Saturday, March 22, with a pro-national tractor and truck pull. Events will begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 23, to include super modified 2-wheel-drive trucks, modified 4x4 trucks, and modified dragster tractors.

A first-time attraction at E.A.M.S. will be the high-powered, wheeled poppin' funny cars. In addition, the new jet powered funny car may make its debut.

Tickets will be sold at the gate only -- no advance tickets are available. The gates will open two hours before each show.

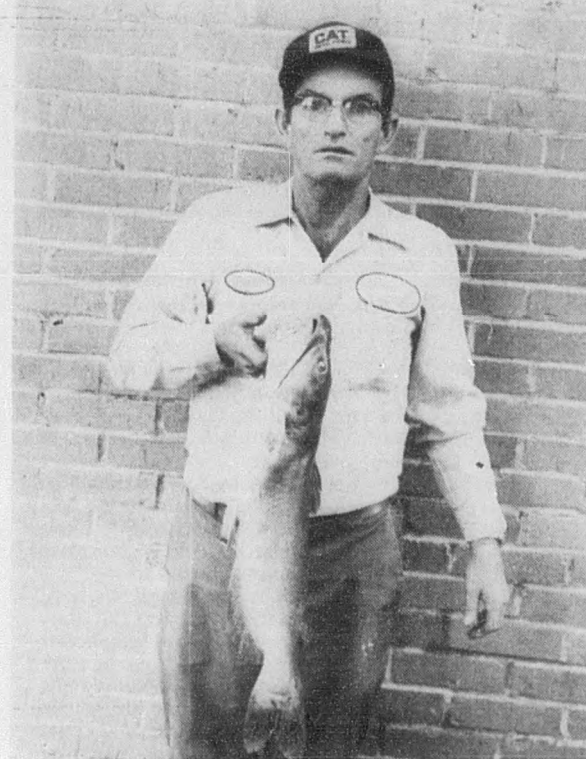
The following weekend, on March 29, five big divisions of stock cars will take to the 3/8-mile high-banked clay oval for the first time this year. Local drivers will be participating in the scheduled practice sessions (free grandstand admission).

E.A.M.S. officially begins the racing season in all five divisions on April 5. Gates will open at 6 p.m. and racing will start at 8:30 (EST).

East Alabama Motor Speedway is located eight miles west of Phenix City on Highway 80, phone 297-2594.

Pictured above is Shan Teel from Luberton, N.C., as he signs a scholarship to play football at Davidson College, Davidson, N.C. Also pictured is Shan's coach, Bob Hanna. On hand to sign him, but not pictured because of NCAA regulations, was Davidson coach, Don Keifer.

Shan, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Foy Bowdoin of Elba, was second in the state of North Carolina in receiving, with 41 catches for 612 yards, and was chosen the most valuable receiver on his high school football team; all-state, all-county, all-conference, and all-east. Shan chose Davidson because of its high academic reputation. He plans to major in Political Science and pursue a career in law after graduation.



Raymond Duncan caught this catfish last Wednesday at a private pond.

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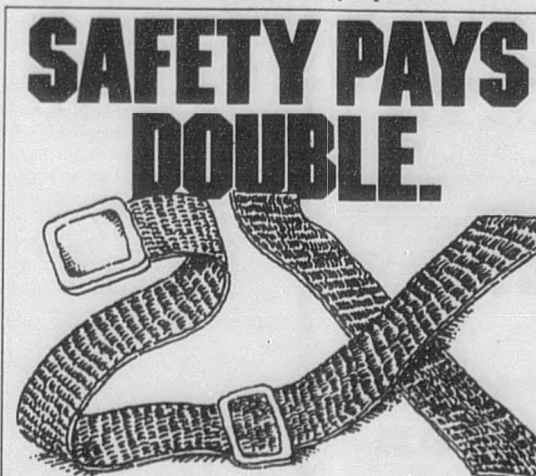
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Leviticus 26:1-5

**PROGRAM OF THE ANNUAL MATRONS' DAY OF THE ROCKY HEAD MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH - ELBA**  
MARCH 25-23:00 p.m.

Theme: Why Matrons Should Prepare for Heaven

Official - visiting officers

Welcome - Sis. Marietta Carpenter

Song -

Reading - Sis. Evelyn Gulley

Solo - Sis. Ollie R. Peterson

Prayer - Rev. W. Peterson, Pastor of Antioch M.B.C.

Remarks - Benediction

Offering - Sis. Patti Williams

Recognition of Visitors - Sis. Bessie Williams

Remarks - Benediction

Mistress of Ceremony - Sis. Cathy Williams

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March 21, Wenzell Gray, Rufus Jones - March 22; and Dorothy Richardson - March 23.

**OUR FAITH STILL HOLDS**

The 14th annual session of the Mulberry District Laymen's Convention held at the Mulberry District Educational Building March 14-15, was spiritual and inspirational.

The convention was attended by a group of dedicated Christian men and women (preachers included) on the battlefield for the Lord.

Friday night, March 14, at 6 o'clock, the president of the Convention, Dea. J. L. Williams, called the house to order. After the devotional and reading and adoption of program for the period, the laymen's wives presented a welcome program, emceed by Sis. Estella Williams.

Those participating were Mary A. Hooks, Juanita Scott, Estella Williams, Mozelle McCormick and Elia Belcher.

Afterwards, seven men (lecture form) spoke from the title "Men the Church Needs."

1. Regenerated men - Dea. Charles Henderson

2. In the name of the Lord - Dea. A.Z. Stoumireu

3. Loyal men - Dea. M.C. Lawrence

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Rev. & Mrs. Gillis Thomas

(Curle D.)

Gillis Thomas was born February 19, 1919 in Coffee County, Enterprise, to Will Thomas and Armilla Higgins Thomas. He is married to Curle D. Anderson Thomas, and they have 10 children. She is a member of the Missionary Society, former member of L.A.M.S., Eastern Star and NAACP. She sings with the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Adult Choir and a member of the Enterprise Ministers Wives Club.

When she was growing up, hard times were the order of the day. "But, thank God, times are better now," she said. A long time ago she would sweep from under the house, especially hunting and fishing. Thomas was raised on a farm. He said that times were tough when he was growing up. The family worked from sunup until sundown. He would go to school three days and work three days. Of course, if needed, those three days of school were omitted and he would have to work.

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## REVENUE COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a decree rendered by the Probate Judge of said county on February 14, 1986, I will proceed to sell to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse door in Elba, said county, within the legal hours of sale on April 8, 1986, the following described real estate for taxes and costs due thereon for the year 1985 to wit:

**ADAMS, RUFUS**  
Mulberry Hgts Subd, Blk 7, Lots 18 & 19 in Elba, S7, T5, R20. Taxes & Cost - \$137.08, Printer's Fee - 7.54, Total - \$204.62.

**ALLAN, THOMAS ANDREW & DEBRA LYNN**  
Lot 10, Edgewood Park S/D, Sec. 19-T5N-R20E, 143.7 x 150' irr. Taxes & Cost - \$55.15, Printer's Fee - 8.84, Total - \$66.99.

**ASHLEY, MAVIS**  
A lot in SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 Desc as beg, inter S line SD 1/4, 1/4 & W Row Co Rd #79; Th NW along SD 1/4 105 ft to POB, Th W 42 ft, Th NE 66 ft, Th E 380 ft, to SD Rd, Th S 105 ft to POB in S15, T7, R22. Taxes & Cost - \$21.40, Printer's Fee - 18.72, Total - \$40.12.

**ASKEW, HERBERT**  
A par. being the S 1/2 of NE 1/4, Th N 1/2 of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 plus 1 ac. in SE cor. of NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 desc, as beg, at SE cor. said 40, Th W 210' Th N 210' Th E 210' Th S 210' to POB. Less RD. W/Cont. 101 ac. S34-T5-R20. Taxes & Cost - \$145.76, Printer's Fee - 20.54, Total - \$166.30.

**BULLARD, JOHN F. JR. & SHIRLEY ANN B.**  
Comm. at E 1/2 of Co Rd 54 & N 1/2 of Co Rd. Comm. at inter. of S side of Hwy. 84, R/W & S side of Redwood Hill Rd. Th S 1/2 along R/W 70' to POB, Th S 1/2 along R/W 110' Th S 210' Th N 210' Th E 97' 9" Th N 178' 9" to POB in Elba. S16-T5-R20. Taxes & Cost - \$178.18, Printer's Fee - 22.36, Total - \$200.54.

**BULLARD, JOHN T.**  
One lot in NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 desc, as fol. Comm. at inter. of S side of Hwy. 84, R/W & S side of Redwood Hill Rd. Th S 1/2 along R/W 70' to POB, Th S 1/2 along R/W 110' Th S 210' Th N 210' Th E 97' 9" Th N 178' 9" to POB in Elba. S16-T5-R20. Taxes & Cost - \$178.18, Printer's Fee - 22.36, Total - \$200.54.

**BUNDY, TERESA JEAN**  
A lot in SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 desc, as beg 120 ft NE of inter of E/L SD 40 & SW ROW Co. Rd. #36, Th SW 206 ft, Th NW 109 ft, Th NE 205 ft, Th E 105 ft to POB in S27, T7, R22. Taxes & Cost - \$135.56, Printer's Fee - 17.94, Total - \$215.50.

**COX, EDMOND W. & ODESSA**  
A lot in SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 & NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 desc, as beg. 743' S of N/L of S 1/2 of SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 on W/R/W Co. Rd. Th S 180' W 180' N 180' E 180' to POB. S3-T6-R19. Taxes & Cost - \$16.04, Printer's Fee - 18.46, Total - \$34.50.

**FIDELCOR MORTGAGE CORPORATION**  
Admin. of street layout of Mulberry Hgts Subd. Blk 7, Lots 21 & 22 in Elba, S7, T5, R20. Taxes & Cost - \$67.50, Printer's Fee - 9.10, Total - \$76.60.

**GAMPER, DAVID A. & LINDA J.**  
Comm. at E 1/2 of Co Rd 54 & N 1/2 of Co Rd. Comm. at inter. of S side of Hwy. 84, R/W & S side of Redwood Hill Rd. Th S 1/2 along R/W 70' to POB, Th S 1/2 along R/W 110' Th S 210' Th N 210' Th E 97' 9" Th N 178' 9" to POB in Elba. S16-T5-R20. Taxes & Cost - \$178.18, Printer's Fee - 22.36, Total - \$200.54.

**HOLLAND, GEORGE EDWARD & MARY LYNN**  
Beg. at SE cor. of SW 1/4 of SW 1/4, W 200' N 420' E 260' S 180' to POB, S24-T6-R19. Taxes & Cost - \$21.60, Printer's Fee - 11.96, Total - \$33.56.

**HARTZOG, FRANKIE**  
Comm. at int. of W 1/2 of SE 1/4 & S/R/W Hwy 84; Hwy 100'; S 115'; W 100'; N 115'; to POB. Elba. Sec. 7-T5N-R20E. Taxes & Cost - \$55.12, Printer's Fee - 12.22, Total - \$67.34.

**HARTZOG, FRANKIE**  
Beg. at int. of S/R/W of Hwy 84 & E/R/W of Caroline St.; Hwy 248' to POB; E 200'; S 105'; W 200'; N 105' to POB. Elba. Sec. 7-T5N-R20E. Taxes & Cost - \$47.50, Printer's Fee - 14.30, Total - \$489.58.

**HALL, MELVIN E.**  
A lot in NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 desc, as beg. at inter. of W 40 line of SD 1/4 & NE ROW of Head Mill Rd, Th SE along ROW 550 ft to POB, Th NE 210 ft, Th SE 210 ft, Th SW 210 ft, Th NW 210 ft to POB. Cont. 1 ac in S15, T7, R20. Taxes & Cost - \$161.02, Printer's Fee - 22.36, Total - \$183.38.

**Hudson, JACKIE L.**  
All SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 N 1/2 Hwy 125. S5 T6 R21. Taxes & cost - \$27.14, Printer's Fee - 7.54, Total - \$34.68.

**JOHNSON, H. DREXEL**  
A lot S 1/2 in SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 desc, as fol. comm. at SW Sec. cor. Th E 210' to POB, Th NE 100' Th SE 700' Th SE line, Th W 815' to POB, cont. 1 ac. S24-T6-R19. Taxes & Cost - \$19.52, Printer's Fee - 16.64, Total - \$36.16.

**JOHNSON, H. DREXEL**  
NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 less 1/2 ac. exp. par. beg. NW cor. SD 1/4, Th S 200' Th NE 270' Th W 165' to POB. S25 T6 R19. Taxes & Cost - \$230.96, Printer's Fee - 12.22, Total - \$243.18.

**MALLOY, SHERILL**  
Beg. at int. S/R/W Co. Rd. & W/L of NE 1/4, S 242.70'; E 105'; N 256.30'; W 105.88' to POB. S20 T6 R21E. Taxes & Cost - \$14.66, Printer's Fee - 11.96, Total - \$26.62.

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Beg. at int. S/R/W Unnamed Street & W/R/W Dr. Roberts Drive; S 1/2 95' (a); N 1/2 100' (a); N 1/2 110' (a); S 1/2 100' (a); to POB. Taxes & Cost - \$30.94, Printer's Fee - 11.96, Total - \$42.90.

**SHULL, LARRY M. & CAROL**  
Comm. at int. N 1/2 of SE 1/4 & E/R/W Hwy 167; S 1/2 800' to POB. Nely 210'; S 1/2 210'; S 1/2 210'; Nely 210' to POB. Sec. 9-T7N-R21E. Taxes & Cost - \$164.22, Printer's Fee - 15.08, Total - \$179.30.

**WRIGHT, GEORGE F. & CYNTHIA J.**  
A parcel being the NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 N/W Co Rd #4, Cont 40 ac in S30, T3, R20. Taxes & Cost - \$74.97, Printer's Fee - 10.40, Total - \$85.37.

**WRIGHT, GEORGE F. & CYNTHIA J.**  
A parcel being the NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 less rd ROW cont 40 ac in S28, T3, R20. Taxes & Cost - \$86.00, Printer's Fee - 10.40, Total - \$96.40.

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## Nursing Home Spotlight

By Shirley Wise

Five years before the turn of the century - almost 91 years ago - there was born a babe who was named Mary Magdalene "Maggie" Donaldson. She married and was then known by the name Maggie Hattaway, and that is who we're visiting this windy month of March, 1986.

Miss Maggie is a sweet, friendly, gracious, nice Christian lady with pretty blue twinkling eyes, white hair and a beautiful smile.

To further give an idea of Miss Maggie's zest for life and courageous personality, she has been aptly and lovingly given the nickname "Spunky." She has been known, on occasion, to zip down the halls in her wheel chair, scattering everyone, and thereby being teased about getting a "speeding ticket."

Miss Maggie was born November 22, 1895, one of eight children born to "Long" John and Lena Moore Donaldson in the Mt. Gilead Community. When asked why her father was called "Long" John, the question brought a smile to her face and she replied, "Because he was tall."

Mr. Donaldson was a farmer and she remembers him as being "black-headed and blue-eyed" and describing her mother - "She was little and low." She told us she called them "Ma" and "Pa," and added, "That's what they taught us to call them; they were good, honest, hardworking people."

Miss Maggie's seven brothers and sisters, all of whom are now deceased, are: Phineas, who at the time of her death was married to Pollard Moore and resided in Bonifay, Fla.; Mollie, who was married to Charlie Wambles and lived in the Mt. Gilead Community; Sydney, who was married to Oscar McKay and living in Opp; Charlie, whose wife was the former Johnnie McKay, and they too lived in Opp; Tom, who was married to the former Callie Coon and they also made their home in Opp; Annie, whose husband was Ollie Coon and was living in Opp at the time of her death.

Something very unusual about four of Miss Maggie's brothers and sisters (in case you didn't catch it in reading the above paragraph) - those four - Sydney, Charlie, Tom and Annie - married brothers and sisters - Oscar and Johnnie McKay and Callie and Ollie Coon, respectively. It isn't all that unusual for one pair of siblings to marry another sibling pair, but two pairs is a little out of the ordinary.

When asked about growing up in a family of eight children, she told us, "We'd fuss once in a while, of course." She remembers fondly the "peanut butter candy pullings and going to singings with the family."

On June 22, 1918, Miss Maggie married James Monroe Hattaway, who was a good deal older than she. He had previously been married to three ladies, all of whom preceded him in death. His first wife was a lady with the last name of Churchwell, and his next two wives were sisters, whose last names were Pearce. He had a number of children from these marriages, all of whom are now deceased, with the exception of two: Cora Rushing, a nursing home resident in Chipley, Fla.; and Vernon Hattaway, who lives in Montgomery Ward.

Mr. Hattaway passed away June 13, 1937. Miss Maggie had four children, of whom only one is living today. Two of the children died within three months of one another: a son Freddie drowned when he was in his early 20's. He and a cousin, Sam Hattaway (who also drowned), were trout-line fishing at the Elba dam at night and the boat capsized, drowning both of them.

A second son, Roy, was killed in the Korean War in 1951.

Her daughter Annie Ruth died of diabetes at the age of 19. Her only surviving child is Nadine Hattaway Fuller, who lives in Elba. Nadine is employed with Elba Ford Tractor Co., and is the mother of three children: Mike, whose wife is Donna. They reside in Dothan where Mike is manager of the Piggly Wiggly on the circle in Dothan and Donna is employed with Montgomery Ward.

Nadine's second child is Beverly, and she is married to Mike Tindell, a native of Hartford. They reside in Elba where Beverly is accounts payable clerk at Kleinert's, and Mike is employed at Ft. Rucker.

The third child is Greg, who lives in the J.S. Tarwater Developmental Center in Wetumpka.

The grandchildren lovingly call her "Granny," and as Nadine says, "They are her pride and joy - the apple of her eye."

According to a niece, Mrs. Jewel Mock Spears, she remembers her Aunt Maggie as being "a mighty good cook - her specialties were cornbread, baked sweet potatoes, peas, tea cakes, syrup cake and sweet potato custard. You never went to her house but what she didn't have some of this cooked, and you never went away from her house hungry." Nadine remembers sacks of flour disappearing on Sunday mornings after Miss Maggie made biscuits, indicating that lots of folks managed to drop by for a visit and a biscuit on Sunday morning. And, Miss Maggie enjoyed every minute of it - being the happy, hospitable, generous, and



Mrs. Maggie Hattaway

company-loving soul that she was!

The same niece, Miss Jewel, also recalled, "When we were small, we used to love to go to Aunt Maggie's and spend the night and go to the field and tote out watermelons. She was always real nice to us and she was always laughing. Whenever she heard one of us children fussing, she'd come out in the yard and all she had to do was say to us in a soft, gentle voice, 'alright now,' and that was the end of it."

Miss Maggie is a loyal and dedicated member of Westside Baptist Church. She loves her church and all its members dearly.

She said she loved the color blue, the rose, "or just most any of them will do," regarding her favorite flower; spring is her most favorite time of the year; and she joins most of the other residents in declaring Christmas as her favorite holiday. I suppose there is some of the child remaining in all of us; after all, Christmas is remembered fondly by those enjoying the time, with all the magic, mystery, hustle and bustle associated with it.

She said she "liked cooking. I liked some types of sewing, I liked to work in the yard; I'm fool enough that I liked to go to the field and work. We had a horse named 'Snap' and I'd walk behind him and plow the field."

Why in the world did someone

enjoy working in the fields - all that hard, backbreaking, bone-jarring work, we asked her. To which she replied, "I know it was hard work, but I loved it. Just planting something and watching it grow."

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## Nursing Home Spotlight

By Shirley Wise

Five years before the turn of the century - almost 91 years ago - there was born a babe who was named Mary Magdalene "Maggie" Donaldson. She married and was then known by the name Maggie Hattaway, and it is who we're visiting this windy month of March, 1986.

Miss Maggie is a sweet, friendly, gracious, nice Christian lady with pretty blue twinkling eyes, white hair and a beautiful smile. To further give you an idea of Miss Maggie's zest for life and courageous personality, she has been aptly and lovingly given the nickname "Spunky." She has been known, on occasion, to zip down the halls in her wheel chair, scattering everyone, and thereby being teased about getting a "speeding ticket."

Miss Maggie was born November 22, 1895, one of eight children born to "Long" John and Lena Moore Donaldson, in the Mt. Gilead Community. When asked why her father was called "Long" John, the question brought a smile to her face and she replied, "Because he was tall."

Mr. Donaldson was a farmer and she remembers him as being "black-headed and blue-eyed" and describing her mother as "being little and low." She told us she called them "Ma" and "Pa," and added, "That's what they taught us to call them; they were good, honest, hardworking people."

Miss Maggie's seven brothers and sisters, all of whom are now deceased, are: **Pinkie**, who at the time of her death was married to Pollard Moore and resided in Bonifay, Fla.; **Mollie**, who was married to Charlie Wambles and lived in the Mt. Gilead Community; **Sydney**, who was married to Oscar McKay and living in Opp; **Charlie**, whose wife was the former Johnnie McKay, and they too lived in Opp; **Tom**, who was married to the former Callie Coon and they also made their home in Opp; **Annie**, whose husband was Ollie Coon and they were residents of Zephyr Hills, Fla.; and **Florence**, who was married to Chester Reeves and was living in Opp at the time of her death.

Something very unusual about four of Miss Maggie's brothers and sisters (in case you didn't catch it in reading the above paragraph) - those four - Sydney, Charlie, Tom and Annie - married brothers and sisters Oscar and Johnnie McKay and Callie and Ollie Coon, respectively. It isn't all that unusual for one pair of siblings to marry another sibling pair, but two pairs is a little out of the ordinary.

When asked about growing up in a family of eight children, she told us, "We'd fuss once in a while, of course." She remembers fondly the "peanut butter candy pullings and going to singings with the family."

On June 22, 1918, Miss Maggie married James Monroe Hattaway, who was a good deal older than she. He had previously been married to three ladies, all of whom preceded him in death. His first wife was a lady with the last name of Churchill, and his next two wives were sisters, whose last names were Pearce. He had a number of children from these marriages, all of whom are now deceased, with the exception of two: Cora Rushing, a nursing home resident in Chipley, Fla.; and Vernon Hattaway, who lives in Montgomery.

Mr. Hattaway passed away June 13, 1937. Miss Maggie had four children, of whom only one is living today. Two of the children died within three months of one another: a son Freddie drowned when he was in his early 20's. He and a cousin, Sam Hattaway (who also drowned), were trot-line fishing at the Elba dam at night and the boat capsized, drowning both of them.

A second son, Roy, was killed in the Korean War in 1951.

Her daughter **Annie Ruth** died of diabetes at the age of 19. Her only surviving child is **Nadine Hattaway Fuller**, who lives in Elba. Nadine is employed with Elba Ford Tractor Co., and is the mother of three children: Mike, whose wife is Donna. They reside in Dothan where Mike is manager of the Piggly Wiggly on the circle in Dothan and Donna is employed with Montgomery Ward.

Nadine's second child is Beverly, and she is married to Mike Tindell, a native of Hartford. They reside in Elba where Beverly is accounts payable clerk at Kleimert's, and Mike is employed at Ft. Rucker.

The third child is Greg, who lives in the J.S. Tarwater Developmental Center in Wetumpka.

The grandchildren lovingly call her "Granny," and as Nadine says, "They are her pride and joy - the apple of her eye."

According to a niece, Mrs. Jewel Mock Spears, she remembers her Aunt Maggie as being "a mighty good cook - her specialties were cornbread, baked sweet potatoes, peas, loaves, syrup cake and sweet potato custard. You never went to her house but what she didn't have some of this cooked, and you never went away from her house hungry."

Nadine remembers sacks of flour disappearing on Sunday mornings after Miss Maggie made biscuits, indicating that lots of folks managed to do by for a visit and a biscuit on Sunday morning. And, Miss Maggie enjoyed every minute of it - being the happy, hospitable, generous, and



Mrs. Maggie Hattaway

company-loving soul that she was!

The same niece, Miss Jewel, also recalled, "When we were small, we used to love to go to Aunt Maggie's and spend the night and go to the field and tote out watermelons. She was always real nice to us and she was always laughing. Whenever she heard one of us children fussing, she'd come out in the yard and all she had to do was say to us in a soft, gentle voice, 'alright now,' and that was the end of it."

Miss Maggie is a loyal and dedicated member of Westside Baptist Church. She loves her church and all its members dearly. She said she loved the color blue, the rose, "or just most any of them will do," regarding her favorite flower; spring is her most favorite time of the year; and she joins most of the other residents in declaring Christmas as her favorite holiday. (I suppose there is some of the child remaining in all of us, after all, Christmas is remembered fondly by those enjoying the time, with all the magic, mystery, hustle and bustle associated with it.)

She said she "liked cooking. I liked some types of sewing, I liked to work in the yard; I'm fool enough that I liked to go to the field and work. We had a horse named 'Snap' and I'd walk behind him and plow the field."

Why in the world did someone

enjoy working in the fields - all that hard, backbreaking, bone-jarring work, we asked her. To which she replied, "I know it was hard work, but I loved it. Just planting something and watching it grow..." She offers this good advice to all of us: "Mind your mama's and daddy's, be good to everybody, go to church, and go to school until you finish." Pretty sound advice.

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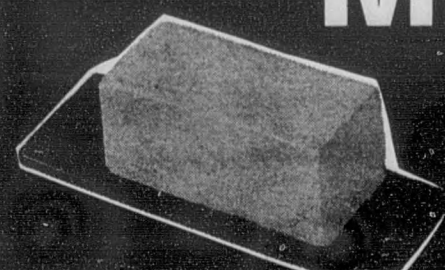
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ARNOLD ESCORTED FROM COURTHOUSE... Melvin Arnold is pictured above being escorted from the Coffee County courthouse by Deputy Sheriff Leslie Hussey after a preliminary hearing held on Friday, March 21. Arnold is charged with five sexual-related offenses and at Friday's hearing was bound over to the Coffee County Grand Jury.

## Melvin Arnold Ordered Bound Over To Grand Jury On Five Sex-Related Charges

A 50-year-old rural Coffee County man was ordered bound over to the Grand Jury last week after District Judge Gary McAliley ruled there was probable cause to believe the accused was guilty of a list of sexual-related charges.

The accused, Melvin Arnold, of Jack Community, was arrested Feb. 19 by Coffee County Sheriff's deputies and charged with rape - 2nd degree, sexual abuse - 1st degree, sodomy - 2nd degree and producing obscene material involving a minor under the age of 17. A second count of producing obscene material was later added after the identity of a second minor pictured in an alleged pornographic video tape was determined.

Arnold was in court in Elba on Friday, March 21, for a preliminary hearing and was shaking noticeably as he entered the courtroom, and sobbed repeatedly during testimony.

Jackson W. Stokes, Arnold's court-appointed attorney, stated that his client was not in physical condition for the hearing and requested a postponement; however, after meeting with Arnold privately, Stokes re-entered the courtroom and said his client was now ready for the hearing and requested it be held in private.

Assistant District Attorney Tom Head objected to the request and the judge that he wished for all the testimony except that of the minors and the viewing of the video tape to be open to the public.

Judge McAliley agreed with Head's request and the preliminary hearing went on as planned.

Wendell "Buddy" Ammons, an investigator for the Coffee County Sheriff's Dept., was the state's first witness and he told of events of the day of Arnold's arrest. Ammons stated that on Feb. 19 he was called to the jail and later accompanied Deputy B.W. McKinnon and Chief Jailer Zack Ennis to the Arnold residence to meet with Arnold's wife, who had earlier called in a complaint against her husband.

Ammons testified that upon arriving at the Arnold home, Mrs. Rachel Arnold (the wife of the accused) was clutching a .22 pistol and a video tape and told the law enforcement officials that she was going to kill her husband. She explained that she had turned on the video her husband in bed with her 14-year-old daughter, Mr. Arnold's step-daughter. The tape was given to Ammons, and at approximately 10 p.m. on the same day, law enforcement officials were at the Arnold home when the accused passed by on a van and sped away after spotting the patrol cars. A short chase followed and Arnold was caught and arrested.

Deputy Ammons reported that several days later Arnold called to him as he passed Arnold's cell at the jail and stated he wished he had not made the video. He also told Ammons that the reason he had pulled down the panties of the two minors was to make sure red wads hadn't flown into the panties.

Bruce DeVane, chief investigator for the district attorney's office, was next to take the stand, and after giving a similar account of the activities of the day in question, told of a conversation he had with Arnold after telling the accused of his rights.

DeVane stated Arnold admitted making the tape and identified the two minors in the tape as his step-daughter and a neighbor. Arnold also told DeVane that the video tape was left in the VCR intentionally in an attempt to "run off his wife." Arnold said he knew his wife would turn on the TV after returning home and maybe the tape would make her leave. He called his wife a derogatory name, according to DeVane, and added he had been trying to run off his wife for two years.

DeVane later said that Arnold had denied having sexual intercourse with the two minors, but that the accused did say he had messed up and asked to be taken to the penitentiary.

Upon questioning by the judge, DeVane reported finding a dozen commercial pornographic videos and other items at the Arnold home, but didn't elaborate on just what the items were.

The judge and all court-related personnel then went to a smaller courtroom to view the video and hear testimony from one of the victims, and re-entering the courtroom the judge ruled there was probable cause and ordered the case to go to the Grand Jury.

The charges of rape, sodomy and sexual abuse all carry 1-10 year prison sentences and \$5,000 fines, while the two counts of producing obscene matter each carries potential sentences of 10-99 years and \$20,000 fines.

Stokes requested a reduction of the court-ordered \$300,000 bond; however, McAliley postponed action on the request until Arnold had completed testing at a state mental institution.

## Coffee County School Board Wins Lawsuit

The Coffee County Board of Education met Thursday morning, March 20, at 7:30 and agreed to spend \$281,838.80 to renovate the old Kinston Elementary School into a new Home Economics and Vocational department.

The building housing the departments was destroyed by fire last year and the renovation will allow the county to save funds and improve the existing building located on the Kinston High School campus.

Supt. Johnny Vaughan told the board members that the county had originally received \$225,000 from the state's burned building fund to rebuild the Home Ec and Vocational building and then later received a total of \$75,000 from other sources to bring the total available funds to \$300,000.

DonCon and Associates of Dothan was low bidder on the project with a bid of \$218,135 and a revised bid of \$316,379 which included several alternatives. The board discussed the various alternatives listed and agreed to add roofing (\$20,599), toilet improvements (\$10,081) and cover the architectural fees (\$30,023.80).

The complete renovation project is expected to be completed prior to the beginning of the 1986-87 school year.

Supt. Vaughan also reported that a lawsuit filed against the board by an employee had been settled, with a judgment for the county that included payment of legal fees.

The suit involved the hiring of a principal at Zion Chapel High School two years ago and a claim that a tenured administrator at another school was passed over unjustly.

The federal courts disagreed with the suit, and in making its judgment dismissed the case with prejudice, which means the case can't be brought up again at a later date.

The board's action at the meeting, which was the enclosing of the classrooms at New Brockton Elementary School had been completed; and that the former schools at New Hope and Goodman had been sold for a total of almost \$60,000.

## Dr. Thomas P. Konicke Joins Staff At Elba Hospital

The addition of a new doctor to the staff of Elba General Hospital has been announced by administrator Joe Claypool. Dr. Thomas P. Konicke will serve in the capacity of family practitioner.

The new physician is from Tucson, Arizona, and is board certified by the American Board of Family Practitioners and is a diplomate of the same society. He is also board eligible by the American Board of Emergency Medicine, anticipating the exam in the fall of 1986.

Dr. Konicke received his AB in chemistry from Indiana University in 1962, master's in Pathology from the same institution, and obtained his MD from the Indiana University Medical Center in 1967.

He performed a rotating internship at the Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines, and for the period of 1968-70 served as a captain in the U.S. Army.

He plans to open his practice in Elba next Monday (March 31), in Dr. Santa Rossa's office building. He and his wife Nancy have three children: a daughter, who is a graduate of the University of Southern California; a son is a graduate of the University of Arizona; and a daughter in the eighth grade.

The family will relocate in Elba in the near future.



## Kindergarten Registration Set For May 2 In County Schools

Mr. John W. Vaughan, superintendent, kindergarten registration for the 1986-87 school year has been scheduled for Friday, May 2, 1986. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.

All students must be accompanied by an adult and a birth certificate and certificate of immunization must be presented at the time of registration. No child will be enrolled without these certificates.

Mr. Vaughan stated that educational services are also provided for five-year-old exceptional students.

Kindergarten children will not attend school on the day of registration.

## Council Presented With Petition Objecting To Expansion Of Elba City Limits

The Elba City Council met Monday evening with all present except Mrs. Gladys Yelverton. They met for a routine meeting that fast became a hotbed.

A meeting planned for opening of routine bids and board appointments got warm with the presentation of a petition opposing the extension of the city limits and a verbal complaint against certain practices at the local nursing home.

Comey Ray Henderson presented the council with a petition signed by 15 residents of the Troy Highway area in the proposed city limits extension area. The petition, copies of which were given to each council member, flatly opposed the plan. Henderson said his opposition was that he wouldn't get any additional services such as city sewage. When asked if he didn't feel his school tax money shouldn't go into the school his children had attended, Henderson said, "My children are gone, but I personally put a lot of money into the school when my children attended there."

Mayor Bob English told Henderson the project was probably too far along to change, and that when he attended the public hearing on the project, it was the impression of the group that he approved. He stated it was the opinion of the council that the entire group approved.

Councilman John Sharpless said, "This should have been presented to us in the beginning and not after the project was underway."

He continued with, "We like to be fair, but at this time I can't see changing."

Other councilmen echoed this opinion and unanimously passed a motion to deny this petition and proceed as advertised.

Bill Blair addressed the council concerning the hospital and nursing home. He expressed thanks to the help given his wife recently. He also said the nursing home staff had given them every consideration in the world; however, he expressed concern for the old people who were suffering from an existing linen problem. He noted that sometimes there were no clean sheets or towels and there had been times when there were no diapers for residents who needed them.

Blair said if this problem didn't go away, he "planned to use whatever legal means necessary to eliminate this problem."

He also was critical of the staff cuts that leave two aides on duty at night and no male attendant on duty after 11 p.m.

Bids were opened on purchase of miscellaneous equipment for the fire department. Assistant Chief Larry Goodson said it was things needed to bring the department up to standards necessary to lower the insurance rating.

Harry Hartless Co. of Birmingham was low bidder on both groups of items with bids of \$10,891.05 and \$12,715.40. These bids will be subject to a two percent discount since the purchase exceeds seven thousand.

Bids on paving of the entrance to Hawkins-Williams Park were opened and low bidder was Wiregrass Construction with a bid of \$6732.00.

## Hawkins Honored By Coop

After the death of Mr. Cleo Hawkins of Elba on October 4, 1985, the Board of Trustees of Alabama Electric Cooperative passed a unanimous resolution honoring his death and extending official condolences to his widow, Mrs. Ruth Hawkins.

The late Mr. Hawkins had devoted many hours as volunteer superintendent of the Elba Water and Electric Board, and as such had numerous occasions to be involved with AEC. The resolution honoring Hawkins says in part, "... he always exemplified the highest ethical and moral standards in his decisions on matters pertaining to AEC and its members, and we feel we have lost a good friend and one of our most loyal supporters."

The resolution was dated October 25, 1985, and subsequently presented to Mrs. Hawkins.

Locally, Hawkins had served as a member of the Elba City Council for over 21 years, being re-elected without opposition to a sixth term in 1984.



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